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PREFACE

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In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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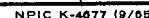


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF ARMY BARRACKS AND TRAINING AREA.

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FIGURE 2. ARMY BARRACKS AND TRAINING AREA, TAKHTA-BAZAR, USSR,

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SUMMARY

An army barracks and training area is located immediately west of Takhta-Bazar rail station, on the Mary-Kushka rail line, and approximately 22 kilometers (km) northwest of Takhta-Bazar (Figure 1).

The installation covers approximately 150 acres (exclusive of training areas) and contains 13 probable barracks, 45 probable quarters, 4 administration/support buildings, 1 possible messhall, 37 storage/support buildings, 25 support buildings (22 in the range area), 5 probable storage buildings, 5 probable vehicle storage/maintenance sheds, 3 possible vehicle storage/maintenance sheds, 9 possible ammunition storage buildings, and 5 possible ammunition/

POL storage buildings (Figures 2 and 3).

A large training area (not shown on sketch) is located approximately 4 km north of the main installation and contains a probable tracked-vehicle driver-training course, a tank/assault-gun firing range, 2 flat-trajectory firing ranges, and a combined-arms field-training area.

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

The Takhta-Bazar railroad station village which contains 2 probable sidings and an undetermined number of loading docks is located immediately east of the installation.

Road Service

All-weather highways connect the installation with Kuskha to the south and with Mary to the north.

Administration and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 contains 45 probable quarters, 3 probable barracks, and 5 storage/support buildings.

Area D2 contains 10 probable barracks, 1 T-shaped possible messhall, 4 administration/support buildings, and 9 storage/support buildings.

General Storage Area

Area E contains 5 probable storage buildings, one 200- by 30-foot probable vehicle storage/maintenance building, and 3 storage/support buildings.

Ammunition Storage Areas

Area F1 is secured and contains 8 possible ammunition storage buildings (one 80 by 35 feet, two 40 by 35 feet, and five 35 by 30 feet).

Area F2 is secured and contains one 90- by 35-foot possible ammunition storage building and 2 support buildings (1 located outside the secured area).

Area F3 is secured and contains 5 possible ammunition/POL storage structures (four 120 by 35 feet and one 80 by 35 feet) and 1 support building.

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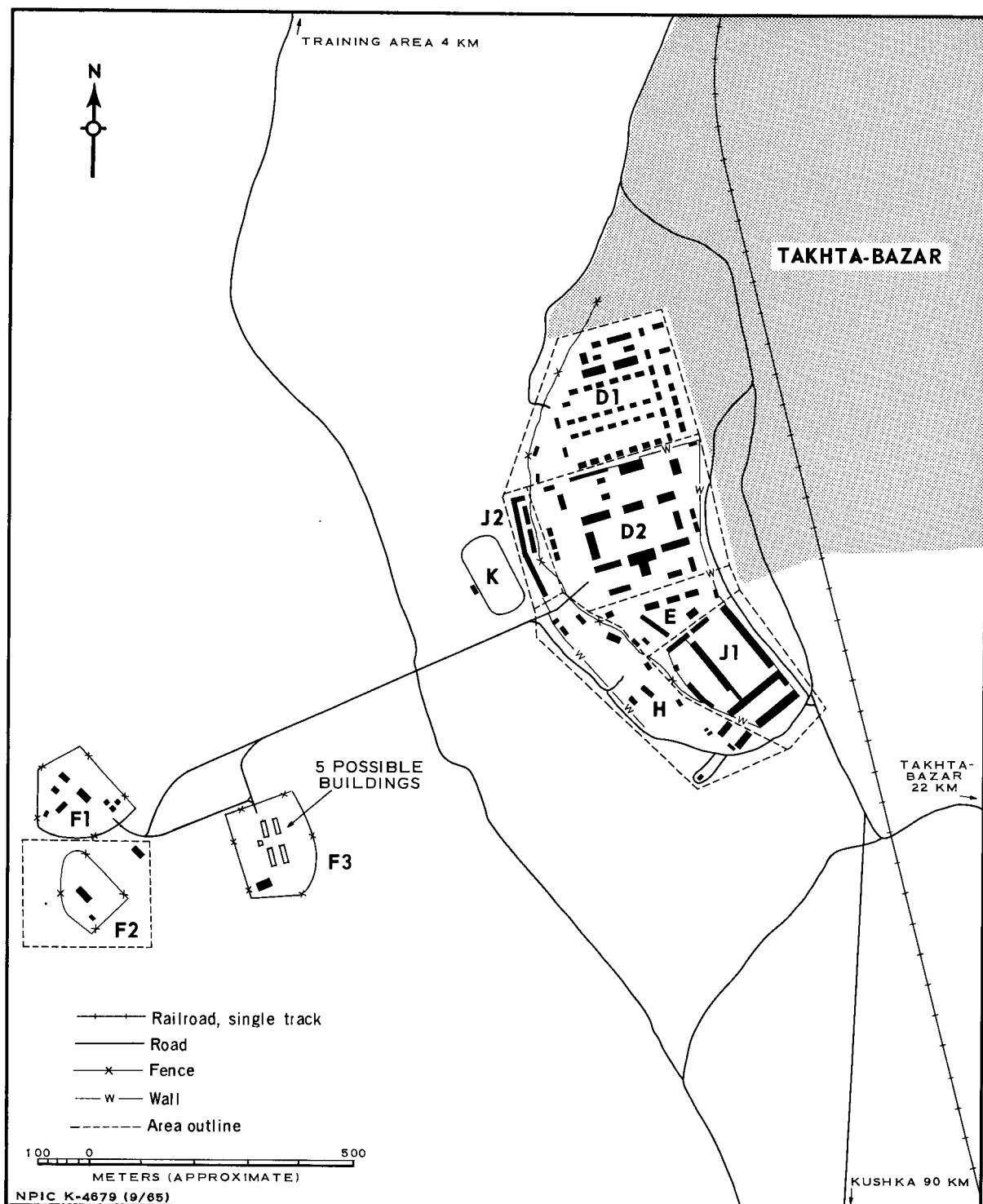


FIGURE 3. ARMY BARRACKS AND TRAINING AREA. Sketch compiled from

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Other Buildings

Area H contains 14 assorted storage/support buildings.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

Area J1 is secured by a probable wall and contains 4 probable vehicle storage/maintenance buildings (two 500 by 35 feet, one 400 by 35 feet, and one 330 by 35 feet), and 5 support buildings. Approximately 15 unidentified vehicles were observed in the area on [REDACTED] coverage.

Area J2 is a possible motor park and contains 3 possible vehicle storage/maintenance buildings (700 by 35 feet, 120 by 35 feet, and 130 by 35 feet).

Athletic Field

Area K contains an athletic field and 1 observation/support building.

Driver-Training Area

Area M (not on sketch) is a probable tracked-vehicle driver-training area. The area is located 4.5 km north of the main installation and appears to be active.

Tank/Assault-Gun Firing Range

Area N (not on sketch) is a 3,300-foot tank/assault-gun firing range with 4 lanes (three 1,950 feet and one 1,200 feet) and 4 probable moving targets. The area has had a marked increase in activity since [REDACTED]

Flat-Trajectory Firing Ranges

Area P1 contains a 2,900-foot flat-trajectory firing range with numerous moving and stationary targets and approximately 15 support buildings. The range (not on sketch) is located 2.5 km north of the main installation and appears to be active.

Area P2 contains a 1,850-foot flat-trajectory firing range with an undetermined number of targets and 7 range support buildings. The range (not on sketch) is located immediately north of the tank/assault-gun firing range.

Infantry or Combined-Arms Field-Training Area or Courses

Area R (not on sketch) is a combined-arms field-training area with numerous entrenchments and gun positions. The area is located between a flat-trajectory range (P1) and the tank/assault-gun range.

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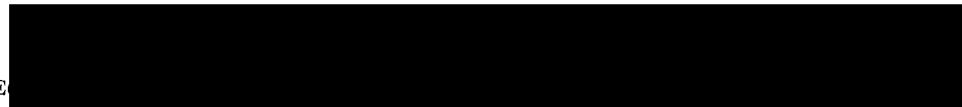
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